

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

Jesus said:

"this is My command: love each other as I have loved you..."
John 15:12

Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

The Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you!

Throughout the month of May and June we have used scripture and prayer in worship to help us understand the call of the Christ to be a fruitful congregation.

What are the characteristics of a loving, fruitful congregation?
-the people keep their eyes on the Christ.
-they daily live out the command of Jesus to Love God and Love others
-every person in the congregation is committed to personal spiritual growth. That happens by daily staying in God's Word and staying connected to the Christ through prayer
-In a fruitful congregation the people recognize the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within their own lives and the life of the congregation
-the people of the congregation un-

derstand the importance of living together in unity. Unity comes through loving each other, caring for one another and building one another up in the faith.

-the people understand and are committed to bringing others to the Christ through the gifts of His love and forgiveness.

Thanks be to God.. We the people of Oaks Christian Church are on the good and righteous path!

We are allowing God's Holy Spirit to produce a great harvest of lasting fruit!

Jesus said: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit. But without me they can do nothing..." I gave you this work: to go and produce fruit, fruit that will last..."John 15:5, 16

God's Blessings of Peace and Joy,
Pastor Linda



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JULY 2011

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Annual Church Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale will be September 8 and 9. We need to start putting aside things, but we can't store them at the church just yet. We can start putting them on the stage about the 1st of September. Thank you. *Jimmye Saldivar*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23  FREE LITE LUNCH SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Scripture for July: Week One: Genesis 24:34,42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Week Two: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Week Three: Genesis 28: 10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Week Four: Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-45 Week Five: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21					

Schedule of Events

- July 3 - Bread Sunday
- July 3 - Elder Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- July 4 - Independence Day - Church Office Closed and Disciples Center Closed
- July 9 - 13 - General Assembly in Nashville, TN
- July 10 - Guest Pastor
- July 12 - Prayer Circle
- July 17 - Hymn Festival
- July 23 - Community Free Meal
- July 26 - CWF trip to Brenham

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- 7 - Al Leissner
- 10 - Lester Baler
- 19 - Billie Murray
- 22 - Sharon King
- 23 - Lee Leissner
- 28 - Kelli Pitts

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

- 27 - Rod and Sharon King
- 30 - Rudy and Barbara Green



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June Church Attendance Report

Attendance for the Month of June	Sunday School	Church Attendance
June 5, 2011	12	44
June 12, 2011	19	55
June 19, 2011	15	45
June 26, 2011		
TOTALS		

From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2011	March	April	June
Deposits	8823.50	\$9,296.55	\$11,272.50
Disbursements	7268.56	6070.76	10,174.53
Difference	1554.94	\$3,225.79	\$1,097.97

Nurturing Updates, A Gift Anyone Can Make, Pastoral Search Committee, Change

ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

Nurturing Update for July

Our Nurturing Prayer Circle is transforming as well as our church!! Several people that were a part of the Circle have left our church family and thus the 6 existing groups have reduced in size where it's time to regroup and make two groups that will rotate monthly for the prayer requests.

Before the transformation takes place, I wanted to offer again to the congregation an opportunity to become a part of the Nurturing Prayer Circle. You make no calls... you just pray when the request comes to you. We have all seen and experienced the power of prayer and it is a very important community effort of our church. If you would like to join the Circle, please contact Barb Scantlin and she will get the information to you.

Barb Scantlin

A Gift Anyone Can Make

Everyone, during their lifetime, accumulates "things." Personal property such as vehicles or jewelry, real estate, and savings and other financial accounts all make up the "stuff" we gather during our lifetimes.

But what happens to those things at our deaths? Who decides where these things go? You can, if you act to create a will or other trust document. This allows you to distribute your assets to the people and causes you select; otherwise the legal system will determine the distribution – at a cost.

Through your will, you can designate a gift to Oaks Christian Church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

A will should always be drawn up by a qualified attorney familiar with your financial circumstances, family situation and your wishes for your estate. Advice from an attorney and other professional advisors should be sought when considering charitable giving.

To learn about ways to make legacy gifts through your will, contact the Christian Church Foundation at (800) 668-8016. The Foundation is the general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) designed to help church members create a lasting legacy through planned gifts.

Larry Scruggs

Ray and Kathryn Weaver Endowment Fund Trustee

From The Pastoral Search Committee:

The Pastoral Search Committee has resumed meetings to begin considering candidates for a settled pastor for Oaks Christian Church.

We ask that the Congregation pray for us daily and that you ask God to lead us in the correct path to find the right pastor to shepherd the flock of this Church. And although we do not know yet who this pastor will be, we hope that the congregation will also begin to pray now for the pastor that God is already preparing to bring to serve us.

You may want to read and consider several scriptures in the New Testament that contain the biblical qualifications of the leaders of the church and of the pastor. They are: Ephesians 4:11-12,

1 Timothy 3:1 – 7 and Titus 1:6 –9. The search committee will be using these scriptures to help guide us to a decision.

We would like for any of you to feel free to discuss any concerns and/or suggestions you might have with anyone on the committee. Any conversations would be held in strictest confidence. **Search Committee**

Members: *Bob Simons, Ruth Conover; Kathryn Whitley; Larry Scruggs; Kathy O'Dell; --*

Bob Simons

Change is difficult, but a necessary act. We act like robots, always following a strict way of doing things. "It has always been done this way." That is a common saying from within the church. We all have changed thru the course of our lives. It's easier to just flip a switch to turn on the lights, than to light a candle in each room we go in. Automobiles used to have all standard shift transmissions, but it became so much easier to drive when the automatic transmission came along. Now we have instant access to all kinds of information thru the use of computers. We are no longer tied to a telephone in our houses. We can call almost anyone from almost anywhere, as long as, we have our cell phones. So, why have we forgotten how to communicate with the Lord. The Lord had the first wireless communication device, prayer. Prayer is the quickest way to have a conversation with the one who is providing for all of us. Has the world changed so fast, that we have forgot how to thank the one who made it possible?

Larry Scruggs

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FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information
Contact**

**Billie Murray
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Items Needed:

Peanut butter,
can or powdered milk,
can soup, spaghetti or
noodles, can meat and
can potatoes.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Board Happenings -

Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:

**There will be a General Board Meeting, July 10, 2011 after
church service. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting
for the month of July.**

Thank you.